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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the 2 March 1979 Warning Working Group  
Meeting [ ]

1. The Warning Working Group met on 2 March at Langley. Captain Manthorpe attended for Mr. Oleson and [ ] for Mr. Shackley. [ ] also attended to discuss the NIT strategy. [ ]

2. The NIT strategy was discussed in some detail and the Chairman agreed to circulate a new draft at an early date. He stated his view that one of the two immediate projects should be done by DIA and one by CIA and asked that those two agencies be prepared to address specifics at the next meeting. [ ]

3. The RMS draft on "Relations" was approved subject to a final check by the Chairman with DD/RMS. [ ]

4. [ ] reported on collection in East Germany, and said he thought that the foundation had been laid for a useful contribution in this area without exceeding operations limits. [ ]

5. The Chairman announced that the DCI had approved Option C in the SWS paper. He said that the next step would be to revise the draft DCID to conform and then seek NFIB coordination. The Group agreed with his suggestion that reps of the other NFIB agencies should be invited to meet with the Warning Group when it reviewed the draft, to lay the groundwork for its final consideration by NFIB principals. [ ]

6. The Chairman accepted a few suggestions on minor changes in alert memoranda procedures. [ ]

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7. In response to a question from [ ] there was a brief review of the Community posture with regard to Sino-Soviet hostilities. The Group appeared to agree with the proposition that the present posture was appropriate to the degree of threat. [ ]

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Richard Lehman  
Chairman

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